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ON 5 JAN 54 LUGTON VISITED IN GUAT

OF CALLIGERIS

GROUP IN GUAT.

- SAID HE VISITED BY RUBEN VILLATORO BARRIOS, ENRIQUE CORONADA, AND RAMIRO AGUILAR GONZALEZ, DIRECTORS OF ANTI COMMIE LABOR GROUP CALLED UNION NACIONAL DE TRABAJADORES LIBRES (UNTL) WITH REQUEST FOR AID. WITHOUT FUNDS BUT IMPRESSED WITH UNTL LEADERS SINCERITY AND FED LUNCHES FOR WEEK TO HUNDRED UNTL WORKERS.
- 3. LUGTON TOLD BANNISTER HE INTERESTED POSSIBILITIES UNTI WHICH ACCORDING STATEMENTS MADE HAS 500 MEMBERS PUERTO BARRIOS REGION. ALSO SOME FOLLOWING GUATEMALA CITY. BANNISTER PROMISED CHECK.
- SUBSEQUENTLY ASCERTAINED UNTL SUBJECT CORRESPONDENCE INFORMAL-OFFICIAL TYPE BETWEEN EMBASSY GUAT AND JOHN T. FISHBURN. LABOR ADVISORY OFFICER, ARA, DEPT STATE AND WITH JOHN W. FISHER.

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CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA AFFAIRS. LETTERS DATED 24 NOVEMBER AND 3 DECEMBER 53. FIRST ENCLOSED LETTER FROM UNTL TO SERAFINO ROMUALDI ASKING AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AID. GUAT EMBASSY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED HOPE NEEDED AID BE OBTAINED FROM THAT SOURCE OR FROM "OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES".

- 5. ROMUALDI APPARENTLY INTERESTED BUT TRYING OBTAIN AID THROUGH ORIT. LOCAL EMBASSY OFFICIALS FEAR SUCH AID, IF OBTAINED, WILL ARRIVE TOO LATE TO MAINTAIN UNTIL AFLOAT. STATION AGREES. THOUGH UNCONFIRMED DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING FINANCIAL HONESTY VILLATORO SUBMITTED IN HGGA-435, 17 OCT 53, THERE AMPLE EVIDENCE UNTL LEADERS ANTI COMMIE AND HAVE CAUSED GUAT COMMIE LABOR LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES AND EMBARRASSMENT IN PAST. THROUGH HOLDING DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS BEFORE NATIONAL PALACE IN JULY 53 UNTL FORCED NAIR COMMITTEE HIRE APPROXIMATELY 2000 THEIR FOLLOWERS TO HELP PREPARATIONS ILL-FATED NATIONAL EXPOSITION.
- 7. UNTL NOT LARGE, WELL ORGANIZED GROUP BUT IS ONLY KNOWN ANTI COMMIE ANTI GOVERNMENT LABOR ORGANIZATION IN GUAT AND WITH BETTER ORGANIZATION AND ORIENTATION COULD BECOME VALUABLE TO PBSUCCESS.

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REOPEN CONTACT WITH UNTL LEADERS. GIVLUCH KNOWS [ ]

CONSIDERS HIM TRUSTWORTHY, AND BELIEVES HE PROBABLY WILLING HANDLE MATTER. UPON LEARNING DETAILS CONCERNING LEADERS, OBJECTIVES, PLANS, AND SITUATION OF UNTL, RAZMARA THROUGH [ ]

COULD PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID NECESSARY KEEP UNTL ALIVE. KUBARK CONTROL OF FUNDS WOULD PROVIDE DESIRABLE CONTROL. SUCH ARERANGEMENT CONSIDERED BETTER THAN HAVING AID TO BE DIRECTLY FROM CALLIGERIS SINCE WE CONSIDER UNTL OFFERS POSSIBILITIES CONTINUE KUBARK ACTIVITIES AFTER PBSUCCESS ACCOMPLISHED.

- 9. ALTHOUGH RAZMARA WILL HAVE C CREDENTIALS

  QUESTION IS WHETHER [ ]KNOWS OF C CALLIGERIS CON
  NECTION.
- 10. REQUEST HQS FORWARD SLINC COPIES DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED AS WELL AS GUAT EMBASSY DESPATCHES 1075 OF 4 JUNE 53, 111 OF 6 AUGUST, 132 OF 12 AUGUST, AND 241 OF 14 SEPTEMBER 53 WHICH CONTAIN INFO ON ANTI COMMIE AND ANTI GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES OF UNTL LEADERS WITHIN NOW DECEASED UNION DE TRABAJADORES CESANTES INVOLUNTARIOS. ALSO AVAILABLE FILE INFORMATION CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED THIS MESSAGE.

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